

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Standards Committee
Date of Decision:	9 February 2010
Decision Title:	Complaint: Members Code of Conduct: Report following Other Action
Decision Reference:	1273
Report From:	Head of Governance

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. On 29 September 2009 the Assessment Sub-Committee of Hampshire County Council's Standards Committee finalised its consideration of a complaint concerning an alleged breach of the Member's Code of Conduct by Councillor Frederick Allgood.
- 1.2. In accordance with Section 57 (A) 2 (a) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, the Assessment Sub-Committee decided to refer the allegation to the Monitoring Officer for 'Other Action'.
- 1.3. The decision to refer the complaint for Other Action did not involve the Assessment Sub-Committee making any finding of fact nor did it involve the Assessment Sub-Committee reaching any decision about whether or not Councillor Allgood had failed to comply with the Member's Code Of Conduct. Other Action is a course of action which can be adopted by an Assessment Sub-Committee where in its view an investigation would not serve a useful purpose and where appropriate training or conciliation would appear to be more appropriate. In this instance and after considering the complaint, the Assessment Sub-Committee concluded that Other Action was the appropriate way to deal with the complaint
- 1.4. The Assessment Sub-Committee consequently directed the Monitoring Officer to arrange for Councillor Allgood to undertake training on the application of the Protocol for Individual Budgets for Hampshire County Councillors.

2. Performance of Other Action

The Assessment Sub-Committee expressed the view that its preferred method of training would be for Councillor Allgood to meet with Councillor Thornber to receive appropriate training on the application of the Protocol for Individual Budgets for Hampshire County Councillors. Councillor Allgood duly met with Councillor Thornber on 18 November 2009. Councillor Thornber confirmed by a letter dated 23 November 2009 addressed to the Monitoring Officer that he had met with Councillor Allgood and had carried out the appropriate training.

3. Reason for the report

- 3.1. Pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Standards Committee (England) (Regulations) 2008 the Monitoring Officer is obliged to report to the Standards Committee on the progress of any matters referred to her for Other Action. This report complies with that requirement and it is the Monitoring Officer's opinion that the training recommended by the Assessment Sub-Committee has been satisfactorily undertaken.

4. Recommendation

That the Standards Committee notes the training that has been undertaken by Councillor Allgood and confirms that it is satisfied with the actions described in this report.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes/no
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	N/A
Maximising well-being:	yes/no N/A
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	N/A
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes/no N/A
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	N/A
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because of Regulation 13 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. N/A

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. N/A

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

N/A

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

N/A